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TITLE OF INVENTION: PROCESSOR FOR ENCRYPTING AND/OR DECRYPTING DATA AND METHOD OF ENCRYPTING AND/OR DECRYPTING DATA USING SUCH A PROCESSOR

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	TRONG NGUYEN	2436	

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1. This communication is responsive to 10/22/2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

This Examiner Amendment and Reasons for Allowance action is in response to the filing of 10/22/2009.

Drawings

1. The drawing is objected to because “FIG.” should be “FIG. 1”. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone discussion with Patrick Wamsley on 11/13/2009.

➤ The application has been amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A processor that performs an encryption/decryption operation, the processor comprising:

a control device that receives at least one initial key, the control device comprising:

a memory that temporarily stores the at least one initial key, and

at least one external key input that receives the at least one initial key from a source;

a round key generator connected to the control device via at least one communication device, wherein the round key generator receives the at least one initial key from the control device to calculate at least one round key and transfers the at least one round key to the memory of the control device;

at least one encryption/decryption device comprising:

at least one external data input that receives external data,

an input that receives the at least one round key from the memory of the control device, and

at least one external data output that outputs the external data processed encrypted or decrypted with the at least one round key by the at least one encryption/decryption device, wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator communicate solely via the control device, and the control device transmits intermediate results to the round key generator to perform recursive calculation of the at least one round key;

a first request line that sends requests from the at least one encryption/decryption device to the control device; and

a second request line that sends requests from the round key generator to the control device, wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator both transmit requests on the respective first and second request lines to start the encryption/decryption operation after both requests are met, wherein the encryption/decryption operation is repeated as often as necessary, except for receiving the at least one initial key by the control device, to encrypt or decrypt a set of external data.

2. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the at least one communication device further comprises:

first and second release lines; and

first and second data lines

3. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 2, wherein the first and second request lines, the first and second release lines, and the second data lines at least partially use a single physical path.

4. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the at least one round key is temporarily stored in the memory of the control device.

5. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the at least one round key is accessed using a rotating pointer.

6. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the communication between the control device and the at least one encryption/decryption device and between the control device and the round key generator is accomplished using at least one handshake protocol.

7. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the operation of the of the control device, of the at least one encryption/decryption device, and of the round key generator are asynchronous with respect to one another.

8. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the round key generator performs a dummy operation.

9. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein a time between the calculating of the at least one round key by the round key generator and the processing of the external data using the at least one round key is variable.

10. (Previously Presented) The processor of claim 1, wherein the processor is an Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) coprocessor.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of performing an encryption/decryption operation using a processor, the method comprising:

sending a first request on a first request line from at least one encryption/decryption device to a control device and a second request on a second request line from a round key generator to the control device to start the encryption/decryption operation after both requests are met, wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator communicate solely via the control device;

reading at least one initial key into the control device, wherein the at least one initial key is obtained from a source other than the round key generator;

reading external data into the at least one encryption/decryption device;

reading at least one data word needed to calculate at least one round key from at least one storage device of the control device;

transferring the at least one data word to the round key generator;

calculating at least one round key recursively on the basis of the at least one data word by using the round key generator;

transferring the at least one round key to the control device;

storing the at least one round key in the at least one storage device;

transferring the at least one round key from the at least one storage device to the at least one encryption/decryption device;

processing encrypting or decrypting the external data by using the at least one encryption/decryption device, using the at least one round key, and the processed encrypted or decrypted external data are made available [[at]] to at least one external data output; and

repeating the method as often as necessary, except for reading the at least one initial key into the control device, to encrypt or decrypt a set of external data,

wherein the control device transmits intermediate results to the round key generator to perform recursive calculation of the at least one round key.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein communication between the control device and the at least one encryption/decryption device, and between the control device and the round key generator is accomplished using at least one handshake protocol.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the operation of the control device, of the at least one encryption/decryption device, and of the round key generator are asynchronous with respect to one another.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the at least one round key is accessed using a rotating pointer.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
performing a dummy operation using the round key generator.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein a time between the calculating of the at least one round key by the round key generator and the processing of the external data using the at least one round key is variable.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the processor is an Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) coprocessor.

Allowance

3. Claims 1-17 amended above and are believed to overcome the examiner's prior rejections and objections. Therefore, the examiner withdraws all outstanding rejections and objections to claims 1-17.

4. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

5. Prior art was found which disclosed "data communication system and method with data scrambling", "high throughput AES architecture", "search mechanism for a rotating pointer buffer", "computer architecture a quantitative approach" and "encryption apparatus, decryption apparatus, expanded key generating apparatus and method therefor, and recording medium" [i.e. Matsui (US 5,261,003), Verbauwhede (US 2003/0202658 A1), Tran (US 5,919,251), Hennessy et al., Computer Architecture A Quantitative Approach, 2nd ed., Morgan Kaufmann, January 1996, and Muratani et al. (US 2002/0021802 A1)].

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- The prior art of record do not teach or render obvious the limitations as recited in independent claims 1 and 11, specific to "a first request line that sends requests from the at least one encryption/decryption device to the

control device” and “a second request line that sends requests from the round key generator to the control device, wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator both transmit requests on the respective first and second request lines to start the encryption/decryption operation after both requests are met” and “sending a first request on a first request line from at least one encryption/decryption device to a control device and a second request on a second request line from a round key generator to the control device to start the encryption/decryption operation after both requests are met”.

- Therefore, the examiner considers the combination of at least the independent claim limitations, “a control device that receives at least one initial key, the control device comprising: a memory that temporarily stores the at least one initial key, and at least one external key input that receives the at least one initial key from a source;” and “a round key generator connected to the control device via at least one communication device, wherein the round key generator receives the at least one initial key from the control device to calculate at least one round key and transfers the at least one round key to the memory of the control device;” and “at least one encryption/decryption device comprising: at least one external data input that receives external data,

an input that receives the at least one round key from the memory of the control device, and at least one external data output that outputs the external data encrypted or decrypted with the at least one round key by the at least one encryption/decryption device, wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator communicate solely via the control device, and the control device transmits intermediate results to the round key generator to perform recursive calculation of the at least one round key" and "wherein the encryption/decryption operation is repeated as often as necessary, except for receiving the at least one initial key by the control device, to encrypt or decrypt a set of external data" and "wherein the at least one encryption/decryption device and the round key generator communicate solely via the control device" and "reading at least one initial key into the control device, wherein the at least one initial key is obtained from a source other than the round key generator" and "reading external data into the at least one encryption/decryption device" and "reading at least one data word needed to calculate at least one round key from at least one storage device of the control device" and "transferring the at least one data word to the round key generator" and "calculating at least one round key recursively on the basis of the at least one data word by using the round key generator"

and “transferring the at least one round key to the control device” and “storing the at least one round key in the at least one storage device” and “transferring the at least one round key from the at least one storage device to the at least one encryption/decryption device” and “encrypting or decrypting the external data by using the at least one encryption/decryption device, using the at least one round key, and the encrypted or decrypted external data are made available to at least one external data output” and “repeating the method as often as necessary, except for reading the at least one initial key into the control device, to encrypt or decrypt a set of external data” and “wherein the control device transmits intermediate results to the round key generator to perform recursive calculation of the at least one round key” with the above limitations not taught by the prior art of record, as applied to encryption/decryption operation, as the non-obvious novelties of the Applicants’ claimed invention.

- Dependent claims are allowed as they depend from allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRONG NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-7312. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, NASSER MOAZZAMI can be reached on (571)272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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